

BULLTONGUE

Sagittaria falcata (*S. lancifolia*)

Located in fresh and brackish swamps and shores in Maryland and south. Also known as Scythe-Fruited *Sagittaria*.

The leaf stalks and flower stems arise separately from the perennial roots (similar to *Peltandra*). Erect leaves have lance-shaped blades which are unlobed and tapered at both ends; 10 to 40 cm long. The flower stem is 0.8 to 1.5 m high; may be branched; 6 to 10 whorls of 3 flowers each on main stem. Flowers have 3 white petals; blooming from July through October. Green fruits replace the flowers in late fall.

Seeds may be eaten by waterfowl and marsh and shore birds; vegetation may be eaten by muskrat and porcupines; the plant attracts waterfowl and marsh and song birds.





Notes